

Application Serial No. 10/082,011
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of Claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The bag of claim [[1]] 30, wherein at least one of the first narrowing seal and second narrowing seal further extends toward the bottom in a direction generally parallel to the pair of opposing sides.
4. (Currently Amended) The bag of claim [[1]] 30, wherein at least one of the first narrowing seal and second narrowing seal further extends toward the bottom, such that the second width becomes smaller toward the bottom.
5. (Withdrawn) The bag of claim 4, wherein the second width is about 21 inches and gradually decreases to about 20 inches toward the bottom edges.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently Amended) The bag of claim [[6]] 30, wherein at least one of the first narrowing seal and the second narrowing seal is arcuate or triangular in shape.
8. (Currently Amended) The bag of claim [[1]] 30, wherein at least one of the first narrowing seal and the second narrowing seal is formed by heat sealing the first and second panels.
9. (Currently Amended) The bag of claim [[1]] 30, wherein at least one of the first narrowing seal and the second narrowing seal is formed by adhering the first and second panels.

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10. (Currently Amended) The bag of claim [[1]] 30, wherein the first and second panels are formed from an integral folded single sheet of polymer.

11. (Currently Amended) The bag of claim [[1]] 30, wherein the bottom of the bag is formed by folding the first and second panels.

12. (Currently Amended) The bag of claim [[1]] 30, wherein one of the pair of opposing sides of the bag is formed by folding the first and second panels.

13. (Currently Amended) The bag of claim [[1]] 30, wherein the first and second panels are formed from two separate polymeric sheets.

14. (Currently Amended) The bag of claim [[1]] 30, wherein the original width is about 24 inches.

15. (Currently Amended) The bag of claim [[1]] 30, wherein the second width is about 21 inches.

Claims 16. to 28. (Canceled)

29. (Withdrawn) A polymeric film bag, comprising:

- a first layer and a second layer each having an original width and a length, the first and second layer joined by a pair of opposing bag sides and a straight bottom;

- a first narrowing seal sealing the first layer to the second layer; and

- a second narrowing seal sealing the first layer to the second layer, the first and second narrowing seals disposed such that a second width of the first and second layers is created that is smaller than the original widths of the first and second layers, the first and second narrowing seals extending inwardly from near or at the side edges and extending down toward the straight bottom, such that the second width becomes smaller towards the straight bottom.

30. (Currently Amended) A polymeric bag, the polymeric bag comprising:

a first ~~layer~~ panel and a second ~~layer~~ panel each having an original width and a length, the first and second ~~layer~~ panels joined along a pair of opposing sides and a closed bottom bridging the opposing-sides, defining an open top between the opposing side and opposite the bottom,

a first narrowing seal sealing the first layer to the second layer; and

a second narrowing seal sealing the first layer to the second layer, the first and second narrowing seals disposed such that a second width of the first and second layers is created that is smaller than the original widths of the first and second layers, the first and second narrowing seals initially extending inwardly from said bag sides and extending generally downwardly before extending back to said bag sides, the first narrowing seal and the second narrowing seal each being disposed closer in proximity to the top than to the bottom.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) The bag combination of claim [[31]] 45, wherein at least one of the first narrowing seal and the second narrowing seal further extends toward the bottom in a direction generally parallel to the pair of opposing sides.

34. (Currently Amended) The bag combination of claim [[31]] 45, wherein at least one of the first narrowing seal and the second narrowing seal further extends toward the bottom, such that the second width becomes smaller toward the bottom.

35. (Currently Amended) The bag combination of claim 34, wherein the second width is about 21 inches and gradually decreases to about 20 inches toward the bottom edges.

36.(Canceled).

37. (Currently Amended) The bag combination of claim [[36]] 45, wherein at least one of the first narrowing seal and the second narrowing seal is arcuate or triangular in shape.

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38. (Currently Amended) The bag combination of claim [[31]] 45, wherein at least one of the first narrowing seal and the second narrowing seal is formed by heat sealing the first and second panels.

39. (Currently Amended) The bag combination of claim [[31]] 45, wherein at least one of the first narrowing seal and the second narrowing seal is formed by adhering the first and second panels.

40. (Currently Amended) The bag combination of claim [[31]] 45, wherein the first and second panels are formed from an integral folded single sheet of polymer.

41. (Currently Amended) The bag combination of claim [[31]] 45, wherein the bottom of the bag is formed by folding the first and second panels.

42. (Currently Amended) The bag combination of claim [[31]] 45, wherein one of the pair of opposing sides of the bag is formed by folding the first and second panels.

43. (Currently Amended) The bag combination of claim [[31]] 45, wherein the first and second panels are formed from two separate polymeric sheets.

44. (Withdrawn) A polymeric film bag and container in combination, comprising:

said container having a fixed shape and a bag engaging periphery; and

said bag comprising:

a first layer and a second layer each having an original width and a length, the first and second layer joined by a pair of opposing bag sides and a straight bottom;

a first narrowing seal sealing the first layer to the second layer; and

a second narrowing seal sealing the first layer to the second layer, the first and second narrowing seals disposed such that a second width of the first and second layers is created that is smaller than the original widths of the first and second layers, the first and second narrowing seals extending inwardly from near or at the sides edges and extending down toward the straight bottom, such that the second width become smaller toward the straight bottom.

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45. (Currently Amended) A polymeric bag and container in combination, comprising:

a container having a fixed shape frame and a bag engaging periphery; and

a bag including

a first ~~layer~~ panel and a second ~~layer~~ panel each having an original width and a length, the first and second ~~layer~~ panels joined along a pair of opposing sides and a straight, closed bottom defining an on open top between the opposing sides and opposite the closed bottom,

a first narrowing seal sealing the first ~~layer~~ panel to the second ~~layer~~ panel;

and

a second narrowing seal sealing the first ~~layer~~ panel to the second ~~layer~~ panel, the first and second narrowing seals disposed such that a second width of the first and second ~~layers~~ panels is created that is smaller than the original widths of the first and second ~~layers~~ panels, the first and second narrowing seals initially extending inwardly from said bag sides and extending generally downwardly before extending back to said bag sides, the first narrowing seal and the second narrowing seal each being disposed closer in proximity to the top than to the bottom, the second width adapted to grip the bag engaging periphery of the container.

46. (Currently Amended) The bag of claim [[1]] 30, wherein the bottom is a straight bottom.

47. (Canceled).

48.(Canceled)

49.(Currently Amended) The bag of claim 30, wherein each of the first and second ~~layers~~ panels includes at least one tying flap.

50. (Currently Amended) The polymeric bag and container of claim [[31]] 45, wherein the first and second panels further define at least two tying flaps proximate the open top.

51. (Canceled).